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## GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week began with Team Cedillo regrouping to go over our priorities and get an update on our 'Keep It Clean' campaign. Stay tuned as we launch Phase II of the campaign, education. We had the Los Angeles Fire Department present in Council to talk about smoke alarm safety and to respond to the recommendations of the LA County Civil Grand Jury report. We hosted the Chinese General Consul and other Chinese community groups to celebrate the Year of the Horse. We held the first meeting for our 'Keep It Clean' partnership initiative, splitting the cost of solar powered trash compactors. LADWP reminded us to conserve water and energy. Finally, we introduce you to an Arizonian that's happy to call California home, Team Cedillo's Kris Ortega.



Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, District 1

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Safety Campaign



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday, the City Council approved a motion to assist the Los Angeles Fire Department to educate Angelinos on the importance of having smoke alarms in homes.

In the first 29 days of this year, there have been seven deaths in the City of Los Angeles due to non-working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms present where the deaths occurred. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in one's home that can alert them and their family of a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether one's awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

In coordination with the Los Angeles Fire Department's education campaign to inform and educate the public on the use of smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide monitors, the City Council will work with the Fire Department, other City Departments, and appropriate outside entities to enhance and support the Department's campaign.

**GRYD**



(Photo Credit: wordpress)

On Wednesday Councilmember Cedillo attended the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to hear from the Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) department, gang prevention and intervention organizations and people whose lives have been affected by gang violence. The current GRYD contacts are set to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The committee heard a motion relative to the advantages and disadvantages of employing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to procure gang intervention and prevention services, and barriers and possible modifications to the current Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The discussion will return to committee for additional vetting.

## **LAFD Grand Jury Final Report**



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

A few months ago Councilmember Cedillo wrote a motion asking the City to respond to a June 28, 2013 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury report that recommended: (a) the LAFD's funding be reinstated to 2008 levels, (b) the firefighters at the Dispatch Center be replaced with civilians, and (c) the Department's computer systems be overhauled.

On Wednesday the City Council heard the report from the Los Angeles Fire Department in accordance to the Councilmember's motion. The Council approved the Grand Jury report recommendations and approved another motion asking the Fire Department to submit to the Council a five year plan for restoration of fire and medical services for consideration during the upcoming Council deliberations regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

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## FIELD UPDATE

### Team Cedillo Staff Retreat Part II



(Photo Credit: Sergio Infanzon)

On Monday Team Cedillo huddled once again to go over the notes and directives from the Listening Tour and to review staff goals and objectives for 2014. We reviewed much of the progress that's been made with the 'Keep It Clean' campaign. We will soon be launching Phase II of the campaign, which includes a massive education process.

## **Visit from Chinese Consul General**



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Wednesday Councilmember Cedillo hosted the Consul General of China and various community groups in the City Hall rotunda to ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year. We were treated to lion dancers, drummers, and authentic Chinese cuisine. The Councilmember handed out certificates to:

- Liu Jian, Consul General, People's Republic of China
- Derek Ma, President and Founder of the Chinese American Community Affairs Council
- The Chinese American Community Affairs Council
- The National Chinese Welfare Council, Los Angeles Branch

Thank you for helping us celebrate the Year of the Horse.

## **Cedillo Launches Keep It Clean 50/50 Big Belly Program**



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Over 15 representatives of several Business Improvement Districts and Neighborhood Councils met on Wednesday with CD1, Bureau of Sanitation and Big Belly Solar to launch Councilmember Cedillo's Big Belly 50/50 Program. Big Belly trash receptacles dramatically increase trash capacity. Each Big Belly sends a signal when it is full, which reduces overflow and collection frequency; making trash collection much more efficient.

This innovative program allows an organization to split the cost of a Big Belly with CD1. A marketing wrap with the organization's name and logo will be placed on the Big Belly along with the CD1 branding wrap. Servicing (emptying trash) of the unit will be done by the Bureau of Sanitation at no cost to the community partner.

The cost of 1 single unit big belly is \$2,995 + freight/tax and the wrap for this unit is \$436 (4 panels). The 50% cost to the partnering organization is \$1,715.5 + freight/tax.

The cost of 1 double unit big belly (one unit for trash and one unit for recyclables) is \$4,240 + freight/tax and the wrap for the double unit is \$689 (6 panels). The 50% cost to the partnering organization is \$2,464.5 + freight/tax.

If you are interested in 'Keeping It Clean' in CD1 and would like to participate in this innovative program, please contact [Conrado.Terrazas@lacity.org](mailto:Conrado.Terrazas@lacity.org), (323)550-1538.

## **City Approves Goodwill Retail Store in Lincoln Heights**



(Photo Credit: Goodwill)

This week, the City's Zoning Administrator approved the conversion of the former Michael's Furniture store at Broadway and Avenue 22 into a Goodwill retail store. Goodwill Industries of Southern California, founded in 1916 and whose headquarters were established on San Fernando Road in Lincoln Heights in 1938, will invest over \$500 million to restore the building and create a modern retail store with a donation center in 16,000 square-feet of ground-floor space. Originally built in 1939, the building has stood vacant for three years. New construction will include repairing and repainting the exterior plaster, restoring the store front, exposing and refinishing hardwood floors, and reinstalling original molding and trim work and classic Art Deco lighting fixtures (found in the attic). The building will be updated to current disabled access requirements. Not only will the project create an estimated 20 jobs, but CD1 believes it will act as an economic catalyst to further stimulate business activity along the Broadway corridor in Lincoln Heights.

Frank Wada of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council attended the public hearing and spoke in support of the Goodwill store coming into Lincoln Heights

Goodwill aims to open the new store in Summer 2014. Thank you Goodwill!

## **Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Restoration Project Gets Big Boost!**





(Photo Credit: Office of Supervisor Molina)

Thank you Supervisor Molina and staff for moving forward with the restoration of the historic Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Monument and connecting our historic cultural neighborhoods of El Pueblo and Chinatown to the Downtown LA Civic and Cultural Center.

This week, as a result of Supervisor Molina's leadership, the Board of Supervisors approved \$4.1 million to pay for its restoration – including the likely reactivation of a water feature.

The Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial was dedicated on July 3rd, 1957, to commemorate the site of a Mexican-American War adobe fort. Located on Hill Street in Council District 1 and Supervisorial District 1, just north of the 101 Freeway, the memorial features the nation's largest bas-relief military monument. It also featured an 80-foot-wide waterfall, until the tap was shut off in a 1977 drought.

Yes, there was a time when the sound of the waterfall could be heard from blocks away and the splashing water could be felt as you walked along the adjacent sidewalk.

While the monument is the property of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles has also earmarked funding for the restoration of this often forgotten and missed historic resource. Through the City's Bureau of Engineering Prop K team and CD1 staff, we will work alongside with the County and the Supervisor's Office on the design and implementation of this historic restoration project that will also include lighting and amenities to make the immediate area safe for visitors, civic center workers, residents, and students to access and enjoy this unique testament to our history. A minimum of \$500,000 of authorized Proposition K Ballot Measure funding with the potential for additional funds will be allocated to this cooperative Los Angeles City & County Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Restoration project.

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## NEWS UPDATE

### Los Angeles Water Conservation



(Photo Credit: nbc)

The City of Los Angeles is currently in Phase 2 of its Water Conservation Ordinance. Phase 2 incorporates mandatory prohibited uses of water and restrictions on outdoor watering. Prohibited uses of water are intended to eliminate waste, increase awareness of the need to conserve water, and are in effect at all times.

Prohibited uses include:

- Water leaks unattended.
- Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Outdoor irrigation that results in excess water flow leaving the property.
- Outdoor irrigation during rain events.
- Car washing with a hose, unless an automatic shut-off device is attached.
- Water served to customers in eating establishments, unless requested.
- Outdoor irrigation with non-conserving nozzle sprinkler systems for more than one 8 minute cycle per watering day.
- Outdoor irrigation with conserving nozzle sprinkler systems for more than two 15-minute

cycles per watering day.

- Large landscape irrigation systems without automatic shutoff rain sensors.
- Washing paved surfaces (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, or parking areas) unless using an LADWP-approved water conserving spray cleaning device.
- Water for decorative fountains, ponds, or lakes unless the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Installation of single-pass cooling systems in buildings requesting new water service.
- Installation of non-recirculating systems in new commercial laundry facilities.
- Installation of non-recirculating systems in new conveyor car washes.
- Daily towel and linen service, unless requested by hotel and motel guests.

In addition to the prohibitions listed above, Phase 2 bans landscape irrigation on days other than Monday, Wednesday, or Friday for odd-numbered street addresses and Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday for even-numbers street addresses.

With Phase 2 in place, the City is already ahead of where most other cities in the southland are in responding to dry-year conditions. LADWP customers have reduced water use by over 17-percent since the prior dry period of 2007.

To learn more about water conservation, please visit [www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com).

## **LADWP Urges Customers to Conserve Energy**



(Photo Credit: yahoo)

With cold weather across the United States placing a heavy strain on natural gas supplies, the

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is asking customers to conserve energy where possible.

While LADWP has adequate power supply to cover its customers' needs, LADWP encourages customers to support the call for conservation in light of the heavy demand for energy in areas affected by the cold front. LADWP is being asked to reduce the amount of power fueled by natural gas during this period, and customer conservation will provide a cushion for the power supply.

Following are several easy tips for saving power:

- Use extra blankets and sweaters to stay warm and lower your furnace thermostat by three to five degrees (health permitting). This can save up to 30 percent on heating and electric costs.
- Limit use of non-essential gas appliances, fireplaces and spas.
- Reduce your water heating usage: use less hot water, turn down the water heater thermostat or insulate your water heater.
- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees during winter if your health permits.
- Insulate your home by sealing up cracks and plugging leaks to prevent heat from escaping through windows and doors. Take advantage of LADWP rebates for energy efficient windows.
- Use a power strip for electronics and turn it off when not in use.
- Limit the use of appliances during peak hours of the day - shift use of washing machines, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners and other heavy appliances during evening hours.
- Turn off lights and equipment when they are not in use.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) or LED bulbs wherever appropriate.

For more information on energy conservation, please visit [www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com).

## **Getting to Know Team Cedillo: Kris Ortega**



(Photo Credit: Kris Ortega)

**Name:** Kristopher Ortega

**What do you do for CD1?**

As a council aide, I assist the councilman in such matters as, staffing, scheduling, legislation, research and other duties so the councilman provides the best public service to CD1.

**Where were you born and raised?**

I was born in Denver (tough game but great season, Go Broncos!!) and grew up in Phoenix, AZ. My mother grew up in Boyle Heights so Los Angeles has always been a home away from home.

**How'd you get your start in Public Service?**

I started community outreach with a local church during high school. In college, I found an interest in policy and began to shadow state legislators. I became an intern and worked with non-profits, mostly with youth outreach.

**Favorite place to visit in CD1?**

Anywhere they serve food.

**What's the best kept secret in CD1?**

Food. Los Angeles is a mecca for great food. El Huarachito, Guisados, Langers, and recently added Greyhound are great restaurants in CD1. I would like to explore more, if anyone has any suggestions?

**What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue are and why?**

It is important to have an identity in the community thorough "arts and culture".I believe it is a main ingredient for representing CD1.

**If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?**

Homelessness.

**What do people not know about you?**

I played a lot of sports growing up including ice hockey.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Free Income Tax Preparation And Family Resource Fair  
Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Salazar Hall  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032



Legal Citizenship Workshop  
Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Appointments Available from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Ramona Hall Community Center  
4580 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90065  
(213)385-7800 X152  
[asantos@carecen-la.org](mailto:asantos@carecen-la.org)



ASNC Board Candidate Workshop  
Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Ramona Hall  
4580 Figueroa Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065  
[election@asnc.us](mailto:election@asnc.us)

L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk & Bike Ride  
Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM  
Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 8:00 AM  
943 North Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90032  
[www.firecracker10k.org](http://www.firecracker10k.org)





Free Tax Preparation  
El Centro Del Pueblo Family Source Center  
1824 Sunset Blvd. (between Sunset & Lemoyne)  
Los Angeles, CA90026  
(213) 483-6335 ext. 111



Free Artmaking Workshops

Cypress Park Family Source Center  
Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
929 Cypress Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

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